

Remarks

Claims 1-20 were previously pending in the subject application. By this amendment, the applicant has amended claim 12 to correct minor grammatical errors. In addition, the applicant has amended the specification to include brief descriptions of new Figures 4A and 4B as well as to correct a typographical error on page 7. No new matter has been added by this amendment. Accordingly, claims 12-20 are now before the Examiner for consideration. Favorable consideration of the claims now presented, in view of the remarks and amendments set forth herein, is earnestly solicited.

As an initial matter, the applicant would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-11.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Office Action indicates that the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, the applicant hereby submits new figures (Figures 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, and 6B) to show embodiments of the invention having the thickened portion as well as having two and three layers, as recited in the claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The specification has been objected to for informalities. The applicant appreciates and thanks the Examiner for his careful review of the application. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, the applicant has amended the reference character "34" recited on page 7, line 14 to the reference character "40," which correctly designates the longitudinal center-line in Figure 3. By this amendment, the applicant has submitted an amended paragraph to address the objection. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

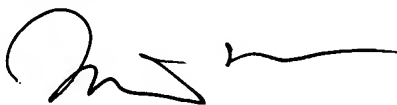
Claims 12-20 have been objected to for typographical errors. As noted above, the applicant has amended claim 12 to correct the typographical errors. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection.

In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendment above, the applicant believes that the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 19-0065.

The applicant also invites the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any of this response, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Figures 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 6A, and 6B